Unemployed Doctors

788. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hundreds of highly qualified Allopathic doctors are unemployed; and

(b) the number of medical practitioners being trained in Unani, Ayurvedic and Siddha system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) As per information compiled by Central Bureau of Health Intelligence, , there were 46,581 medical graduates, (including post-graduate) registered on the live register of employment exchanges in the country as on 31.12.99.

(b) Admission capacity of Under-graduate and Post-graduate Courses are as under:

	Under graduate	Post-graduate
Ayurved	9250	876
Siddha	320	18
Unani	1635	715

Quackery Menace

789. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seized with the implications of widespread quackery in the country; and

(b) if so, what measures Government intend to take against the quacks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The Government are aware of unqualified persons practicing medicines.

(b) According to the provisions contained in the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, the Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970,